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Dear Dick,

To your letter of the 14th on the "threat", where I've filed it, I would add only that it was necessary to attempt to ascertain who might have written it and whether his intentions might have included execution. I finally made a tentative decision (the second) about who did it, know he has left the area, and there is nothing save for intellectual stimulation to be done. It is interesting and I may some day use as a novel.

I've finished the final part of PM, Lil is retyping, and I must now find time to cut the first part and tone down the second, marked III.

If I have no high commercial hopes, I think it is the most potent thing yet. I'll be pressed for money when I xerox copies, so no promises yet. In fact, I am always pressed for money, but now more so.

If, as I doubt, you heard from the Wash Post, I suggested the call because I believe I detected a working of the Department of Disinformation in an Attica story fed them by an "authoritative source" alleging use of a dum-dum on one of the prisoners. I spoke to a reporter friend I trust.

Hurriedly,